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1.(SBU) Per reftel, Post discussed April 17 and April 29 Paraguay's vote for Kosovo's IMF and World Bank membership with Pedro Espinola, Paraguay's World Bank Representative. Espinola confirmed to DCM that Paraguay will abstain and will submit its position in writing. Espinola said that Paraguay contacted neighboring countries to gauge their positions on Kosovo, and noted that Serbia sent a letter asking Paraguay to vote against Kosovo membership in the IMF.

12. (U) POC for this request is Embassy Asuncion Economic Officer Luis Hernandez, telephone: 011-595-21-213-715, e-mail: hernandezlj@state.gov.

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